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PLEASE PASS ILAB, LABOR DEPARTMENT.

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SUBJECT: ILO: LABOR MINISTRY REQUESTS U.S. VIEWS ON
PROPOSALS FOR STRUCTURAL REFORM

1. AT THE REQUEST OF THE ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR TO
THE ILO, LABOR UNDERSECRETARY (CAPTAIN) DALL'ASTA
PLANS TO ATTEND THE FORTHCOMING GOVERNING BODY
MEETING AS AN ADVISOR TO THE AMBASSADOR. DALL'ASTA
ANTICIPATES DISCUSSION OF A PROPOSAL TO LINK (A)
FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE U.S.-SPONSORED DRAFT
ARTICLE 17 AMENDMENT ON RECEIVABILITY OF RESTITUTIONS
TO (B) PROPOSALS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON STRUCTURE
TABLED BY THE GROUP OF 77 COUNTRIES WITH A VIEW TO
RESTRUCTURING THE ILO AND GIVING GREATER VOTING
POWER TO THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES. DALL'ASTA IS
INTERESTED IN LEARNING VIEWS OF THE USG CONCERNING
PROPOSALS TO RESTRUCTURE THE ILO. HIS SPECIFIC
QUESTIONS INCLUDED: DOES U.S. OPPOSE THESE PROPOSALS IN
PRINCIPLE? WHAT JUSTIFICATION IS THERE FOR PERMANENTLY
RESERVING 10 OF THE 20 GOVERNMENT SEATS ON THE GB TO U.S. AND
9 OTHER MEMBERS OF CHIEF INDUSTRIAL IMPORTANCE?
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2. FYI, DALL'ASTA HAS A PRO-U.S. BENT AND HAS BEEN A
SYMPATHETIC LISTENER THROUGHOUT PAST YEAR TO U.S. POSITION ON
ILO ISSUES. WE WOULD LIKE TO BELIEVE THAT HAD DALL'ASTA LED
THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT DELEGATION IN JUNE AS ORIGINALLY
PLANNED (THIS TASK UNFORTUNATELY ENDED UP BEING ENTRUSTED TO
APPARENTLY PRO-THIRD WORLD AMBASSADOR BAGRIEL MARTINEZ

AS A RESULT OF THE WORKERS' REFUSING TO FIELD A
DELEGATION) AND HAD THE REGULAR EMPLOYER DELEGATE BEEN ABLE TO
ATTEND (HE WAS KIDNAPPED AND NEVER RESURFACED), THE ARGENTINE
VOTE WOULD HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT AT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE. END
FYI.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE EXPEDITIOUS REPLY SO THAT WE CAN
SATISFY DALL'ASTA'S REQUEST BEFORE HE DEPARTS FOR GB MEETING
LATE NEXT WEEK.
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